

# KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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## KIDSNET New Users

KIDSNET welcomes **We Luv Kids**, RIH Audiology, RI ENT Physicians, and Memorial Hospital of RI Audiology.

**Managed Care Organizations** now have KIDSNET access. We would like to welcome our first group, **Neighborhood Health Plan of RI**.

## Vaccine Update

Beginning June 15, 2006, VFC (Vaccines For Children) enrolled providers may order Rotavirus and MMRV vaccines with your monthly order through the state supplied childhood vaccine program. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has issued the following guidelines for use:

### **Rotavirus Vaccine**

On May 31, 2006, the ACIP issued provisional recommendations for rotavirus vaccine for routine vaccination of infants to prevent rotavirus gastroenteritis. Infants should be routinely immunized with 3 doses of RV administered orally at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. The first dose should be administered between 6-12 weeks of age. Subsequent doses should be administered at 4 to 10 week intervals. All 3 doses of vaccine should be administered by 32 weeks of age ([www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/provisional/recs/rotavirus-child.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/provisional/recs/rotavirus-child.pdf)).

### **MMRV Vaccine**

Current ACIP recommendations are that children 12 months to 12 years of age receive 2 doses of MMRV vaccine at least 1 month apart and 1 dose of varicella vaccine. MMRV vaccine can decrease the number of injections received by children when all of the component antigens are indicated for administration. One dose of MMRV vaccine should be administered on or after the first birthday, preferably as soon as the child becomes eligible for vaccination ([www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5447a4.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5447a4.htm)).

**Note:** MMRV should not be administered for the second dose of MMR except when a dose of a varicella vaccine is also considered necessary. ([www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/varicella/varicella\\_acip\\_rec.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/varicella/varicella_acip_rec.pdf)).

### **Meningococcal Vaccine**

Supplies of meningococcal vaccines are expected to be limited throughout 2006. Providers are encouraged to prioritize vaccine use by deferring routine vaccination of 11-12 year olds and catch-up vaccination for adolescents 13-18 years of age. This will help to ensure existing supplies are available for college bound freshman students who will be living in dormitories.

### **Hepatitis A Vaccine**

The updated ACIP recommendations for routine vaccination with hepatitis A vaccine beginning at 12 months of age have been issued in a recent MMWR Report at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5507a1.htm>.

Visit our NEW web site at [www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet)

Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220 with any questions or suggestions

### **Newborn Screening Program**

The Rhode Island Department of Health's Newborn Screening Program will screen newborn blood for 17 additional conditions. The total number of conditions tested on newborns is now 29. Please read the enclosed sheet for more information.

### **Lead Update**

KIDSNET participating providers have access to a variety of reports to identify children in their practice who are due for immunizations or lead screening. Each practice can generate these reports using the KIDSNET website <https://kidsnet.health.ri.gov> under "Practice Reports".

The lead screening report is an excellent tool to monitor screenings, schedule required tests, and enhance lead screening rates for your practice. Beginning in June 2006 and on a quarterly basis thereafter, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) will send you a report of the children in your practice between the ages of 15-72 months who have not been screened for lead. Staff from the CLPPP will review each report to verify it is complete and error-free. Missing data and possible data errors that you encounter on the report should be reported as soon as possible.

Provider response and continued use of this report is essential to ensuring timely lead screening for every child in RI. For questions regarding the use of the report, possible errors or for additional information, please contact Jodie Garnetto in the Lead Program at 222-4634 or [Jodie.Garnetto@health.ri.gov](mailto:Jodie.Garnetto@health.ri.gov).

### **Lead Screening Report**

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In May 2006, the following 32 pediatric practices used this report: **Northwest Health Center, Westerly Pediatrics, Family Treatment Center, Dr. Cheryl Flynn, Everett Wilcox Center, Cumberland Pediatrics, PRIMA, Fatima Health Center, Dr's Amato and Ross, St. Joseph Immunization Clinic, Family Doctors of East Providence, Dr. Dante Ramos, Family Care Center at Memorial Hospital, Children First Pediatrics, Pediatric Associates, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Dr. Alfred Arcand, Wakefield Pediatrics, Dr. Stuart Demirs, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, We Luv Kids, Dr. Jennifer Salm – Aquidneck Newport, Dr. Michael Lucarelli, Bristol County Pediatrics, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Dr. Karim Khanbhai, Dr. John Concannon, South Shore Family Practice, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Wood River Health Services, Kingstown Pediatrics, and Capitol Hill Health Center.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

### **Immunization Report**

In the month of May, the following 11 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Pediatric Associates, Wood River Health Services, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Dr. Dierolf Aquidneck Medical – Portsmouth, Thundermist Health Center – Woonsocket, Dr. Dante Ramos, Bristol County Pediatrics, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Westerly Pediatrics, Rainbow Peds Pedi Primary Care, and St. Joesph Pediatric Clinic.**

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on services your patients need.